

strong commitment to public service within the Merrimack community.

For several years, under the guidance of Chief Executive Officer, Patricia Gallop, PC Connection has selflessly and steadfastly served the citizens of Merrimack. PC Connection provided volunteer leadership to generate civic awareness among area students. Contributions from the company enabled 2,000 young people to have a voice at the polls which ensured the success of the Kids Vote program.

The accomplishments of PC Connection are too numerous to list. They recently brought over 1,000 of their employees and visitors together for a family day of innovative computer activities and collected 2,500 computer components. The components will be refurbished and offered to non-profit agencies throughout New Hampshire.

PC Connection is a true community leader and a friend to the people of New Hampshire. The management and employees of the company are a great asset to the citizens of Merrimack. It is both an honor and a pleasure to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to compliment and honor the men and women of Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT. I recently visited the base to congratulate the personnel at Malmstrom for receiving an "excellent" rating during their Combat Capability Assessment.

After two weeks of evaluations for technical proficiency and mission effectiveness, the 341st Space Wing's operations, security, maintenance, communications personnel and equipment were given an "excellent" overall rating. A very high mark for this type of test.

Col. Thomas Deppe is the leader of Team Malmstrom. He was absolutely correct when he said, "It takes a championship team to accomplish our mission across 23,500 square miles of flight line on a daily basis, and we do it well." Indeed, they do it well. And they make Montanans and Americans extremely proud.

In addition, Col. James Robinson, who is the Combat Capability Assessment team Chief, said that the CCA is one of the "toughest tests a wing will ever experience." He also said that in the three years he has been administering the test, he has "never seen results this good."

The 20th Air Force Combat Capability Assessment Team discovered what we have known in Montana for years—that Malmstrom is "excellent." Mr. President, I can tell you from my recent visit to Malmstrom that those folks are very proud of this accomplishment, as they should be. I'm proud of them, too.

That is why today I want to recognize them in this great Senate Cham-

ber. And so I say congratulations to Col. Thomas Deppe and the 341st Space Wing, and to all the men and women who work so hard to make Malmstrom Air Force Base what it is—"excellent."●

#### RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW HUENERFAUTH

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an exemplary young man from the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Matthew Huenerfauth of Springfield, has been selected from among 200 applicants as a George J. Mitchell Scholar for 2001, and will have the opportunity to study in either Ireland or Northern Ireland in the fall. The recipients are those who have demonstrated intellectual distinction, leadership potential, and commitment to community service.

Matthew will graduate from the University of Delaware in May, 2001 with an Honors B.S. and an M.S. degree in Computer Science. During his tenure at Delaware, he has proven to be a tremendous asset to the college community outside the classroom as well. Using his computer knowledge to help others, Matthew developed a tutoring system for deaf students learning English. He spent the summer of 2000 as a Program Manager Intern at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington, and has completed extensive research in the field of artificial intelligence. Matthew was also president of a virtual literary magazine at Delaware, was a founding member of an a capella ensemble, and participated in the school's competitive computer programming team. While in Ireland, Matthew will study for an MSci degree in Computer Science at University College Dublin.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing Matthew Huenerfauth as he heads across the globe to represent the United States in Ireland. I am confident that he will make us proud.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TIM BOUCHER

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Tim Boucher of Deerfield, New Hampshire, for being honored as "Business Person of the Year" by the Merrimack Chamber of Commerce.

A hard working and dedicated member of the Merrimack Chamber Board of Directors, Tim has been an enthusiastic volunteer and committee chairman. He has worked diligently for the Chamber Golf Tournament and other fund raising events, selflessly serving the citizens of Merrimack.

Tim is a New Hampshire College and New England Law School graduate who was admitted to the Bar in 1991 and specializes in real estate and probate law. He is an active outdoors man who enjoys skiing and camping. He resides in Deerfield, New Hampshire, with his wife, Wendy.

Tim Boucher has proven himself to be an outstanding citizen and volun-

teer in his community and is a role model to us all. It is an honor and a pleasure to represent him in the U.S. Senate.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-553. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Reissuance of O and P Nonimmigrant Visas" (RIN1400-AA96) received on January 30, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-554. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report concerning pesticide registration Notice 2001-1; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-555. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report concerning pesticide registration Notice 2001-2; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-556. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report concerning pesticide registration Notice 2001-3; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-557. A communication from the Board of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Consumer Price Index computation error for the year 1999; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-558. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-521, "Noise Control Temporary Amendment"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-559. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 13-531, "Closing of O Street, N.E., S.O. 98-124, and Closing of Public Alleys in Square 670, S.O. 90-235, Act of 2000"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-560. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interagency Guidelines Establishing Standards for Safeguarding Customer Information